PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

President: I have to announce that under Rule (3) (i) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have nominated Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai and Mr. Kochikal, P. Balakrishnan Tampi to the Panel of Chairmen for this session of the Council.

MOTION FOR OFFERING FELICITATIONS ON THE CONFERMENT OF G. C. I. E. ON HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHA RAJA.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai: Sir, I thank you for having kindly given me permission to table this motion.

Sir, nothing can give greater happiness to the loyal subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja than the fact that the unrivalled goodness and greatness of His Highness' benevolent and glorious reign have received recognition at the hands of H. M. the King-Emperor.

No representative of the people can perform a greater duty than giving expression to their loyal and respectful sentiments and feelings of joy. We know, Sir, that His Excellency the Viceroy and the Rt. Honourable the Secretary of State for India have expressed in glowing terms their high appreciation of the warm interest and the keen solicitude evinced by His Highness the Maha Raja for the progressive well being of all classes of His Highness's subjects. The conferment of this high distinction by His Majesty is but a token of the appreciation by His Majesty the King-Emperor of His Highness's prosperous reign and a confirmation of what His Excellency the Viceroy said the other day :—

> "It is true that you have only exercised your ruling powers for the last two years, but your record of achievement and your programme mapped out for the future is one which would be a credit to a Ruler of many years' standing."

Sir, the loyal subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja, with a united voice, most fervently pray to the God Almighty to vouchsafe long life to His Gracious Highness and bestow higher distinctions. With these words, I move that this Council expresses its profound joy at the conferment of the high distinction of G. C. I. E. on His Highness the Maha Raja by His Majesty the King-Emperor and requests the President to kindly convey its most loyal and respectful felicitations to His Highness.

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai: Sir, I have very great pleasure in seconding the motion moved by my friend Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai and in doing so I associate myself whole-heartedly with the sentiments he has given expression to. Sir, it is a source of great pride and gratification to the five million subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja that so early in his reign His Majesty

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